GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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ABSENTEEISM IN AWCS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been reports of large scale absenteeism in Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, whether such absenteeism is adversely effecting the Governments endeavour to reduce malnutrition in children;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether reports of bills being generated in the name of absent children in AWCs in the country have come to the notice of the Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the action taken or proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (d): Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is a Centrally-sponsored Scheme implemented through the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

The day to day management of the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) which includes running of AWCs, marking attendance of the beneficiaries, etc. is done by the States/UTs. No data on absenteeism is maintained by the Central Government. A Five Tier Monitoring mechanism has been put in place to monitor the implementation of the programme and working of the AWCs.

(e) &(f): Complaints of irregularities in implementation are forwarded to State Governments/ UT Administrations for appropriate action. Report from the State Government/UT Administration is sought on complaints which are serious in nature.